

**Solar Regional Mitigation Planning – Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone Pilot Project
Workshop on Unavoidable Impacts & Baseline Conditions
October 24-25, 2012
Hampton Inn Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV**

AGENDA

Wednesday, Oct. 24

7:30 – 8:00 Registration

8:00 – 9:00 Introduction and Orientation – Joe Vieira, BLM; Karen Smith, Argonne
Overview of BLM objectives for project and desired outcomes, review of BLM off-site mitigation policy, review of August workshop, and purpose of this workshop; Field Trip Orientation & Objectives, Health and Safety Volunteer Services Agreement

9:00 – 2:00 Field Visit to Dry Lake SEZ

Participants travel to the Dry Lake SEZ by bus, arriving around 10 AM and staying until about 1 PM. The bus will stop at the Love's Truck Stop near the SEZ to allow people to purchase picnic lunches to eat at the SEZ.

On the ride to the SEZ, distribute and explain the table summarizing resources, impacts, and on-site mitigation.

While on-site, everyone will divide into smaller groups for more focused resource-specific presentations by BLM on baseline conditions in the SEZ, whether impacts can be mitigated on-site, how they can be mitigated using avoidance and/or minimization. Participants will rotate through the groups in order to hear all the resource discussions.

2:00 – 4:00 Break-Out Group Discussions on Unavoidable Impacts - Karen Smith, Argonne
Participants will divide into smaller groups for facilitated discussion on this topic and other information presented during the day.

4:00 – 4:15 Break

4:15 – 4:45 Presentation on Solar Mapper – Karen Smith, Argonne

4:45 – 5:00 Summary and review of Day 2 agenda -- Joe Vieira, BLM

Thursday, Oct. 25

- 8:00 – 8:15 Summary of Day 1 and Orientation for Day 2 – Karen Smith, Argonne
- 8:15 – 9:30 Break-Out Group Presentations on Unavoidable Impacts
- 9:30 – 9:45 Break
- 9:45 – 11:30 Presentations of regional ecological assessments:
- *Mojave Desert Ecoregional Assessment* – Jim Moore, The Nature Conservancy
 - *Mojave Basin and Range Rapid Ecoregional Assessment* – Joe Tague, BLM
- 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 Where Do We Go From Here? – Mike Dwyer, BLM
Review framework and process for identifying which impacts warrant mitigation
- 2:00 – 2:15 Break
- 2:15 – 2:30 Questions and Comments on Process for Identifying Which Impacts Warrant Mitigation
- 2:30 – 3:00 Addressing Other Parts of the Framework – Joe Vieira
Processes for identifying mitigation actions/locations/fee structures
- 3:00 – 3:30 Wrap Up and Evaluation
- 3:30 Adjourn